



**Statement on behalf of the Member States of the European Union**

**By**



We have repeatedly asked for realistic forecasting and budgeting for political missions. However, the report mentions a number of issues, and presents a number of options, many of which in combination we consider would constitute radical and far-reaching change in the structure of the United Nations budgeting process. As political missions have long been a part of the regular budget, we believe that before the Committee would be able to take any decision on proposals of this magnitude it would have to understand fully what the issues are that it is seeking to address. In this sense,